GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the World Bank report that a 10 percent improvement in the efficiency of water use in India would add 14 million hectares of land to the gross total irrigated area;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any effort to improve use of existing irrigation facilities;

(c) whether the World Bank has offered any financial assistance to achieve this improvement in use of existing irrigation structures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, particularly for the projects proposed for financial existence from the World Bank?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Government through their own resources and as per their priorities. The State Governments have taken up Extension, Renovation and Modernisation (ERM) schemes for improving the performance of existing irrigation projects. Government of India is also facilitating the State Governments in availing World Bank Assistance for implementation of Water Resources Consolidation Projects. At the end of Eighth Plan out of 89.56 million hectares of irrigation potential created 80.75 million hectares was being utilized. To bridge this gap Government of India is continuing with extending support through Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme. All these programmes are helping in improving the use of existing irrigation facilities.
(c) & (d) The World Bank is extending financial assistance for improving the use of irrigation facilities by implementation of Water Resources Consolidation Projects in the States of Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project II and Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component) are also being implemented with the World Bank assistance. The details of these projects are:

(Amount in Million US$)

S.No.	Name of the Project	Amount of Assistance	Date of Agreement/ upto Completion	Utilisation Feb, 2000
(i)	Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III	325.00	03.06.1997/ 31.01.2003	76.828
(ii)	AP Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation component)	142.00	30.01.1999/ 31.03.2004	30.00
(iii)	Haryana Water Resources Consolidation Project	258.00	06.04.1994/ 31.12.2000	138.958

(iv) Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	290.90	05.01.1996/ 30.09.2002	130.385
(v) TN Water Resources Consolidation Project	282.90	22.09.1995/ 31.03.2002	86.725

The Uttar Predesh Water Sector Restructuring Project and Rajasthan Water Resources Consolidation Project have been proposed for the World Bank assistance.